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DEVELOPMENT OF IT HARDWARE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has in place a policy relating to development of IT hardware manufacturing and market in the country;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) if not, whether in the absence thereof, the IT hardware industries has suffered adversely;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the number of Electronic Hardware Technology Parks (EHTP) Scheme in the country and the number of units attached with each of them;

(f) the value of goods manufactured by them during each of the last three years;

(g) whether the scheme has not become as attractive as stipulated;

(h) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(i) the steps proposed, if any, to promote the scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SU THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a),(b),(c) and (d): An approach Paperfor a Comprehensive IT Hardware Policy is under formulation in the Department of Information Technology, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology.

(e) and (f): There are 79 exporting Electronic Hardware Technology Parks (EHTP) unitsregistered with the Designated Officers of the Department of Information Technology. Centre-wise break up is at Annexure. The value of goods exported by these units in the last 3 years is as under :

2000-2001 : Rs. 702.85 crores

2001-2002 : Rs. 1478.38 crores

2002-2003 : Rs. 2376.33 crores

(g), (h) & (i): The EHTP scheme has been modified over the last2 years to make it more attractive. As a result, the Domestic Tariff Area (DTA)sales of Information Technology Agreement (ITA-1) items by EHTP units shall be counted towardsfulfillment of export obligation